Order Number: D08-115-L-14

# SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT SPECIAL USE PERMIT DEVELOPMENT AREA BOUUNDARY FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST NORTHERN REGION

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (a), the following restrictions are in effect within Whitefish Mountain Resort (WMR) Special Use Permit Area Boundary, Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana as depicted on the maps attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B and hereby incorporated into the Order. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective when signed, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

This Order is necessary to protect the personal safety of uphill users, downhill users, and WMR employees.

#### **PROHIBITIONS:**

**36 CFR 261.53(e)** – Public health or safety - Within the permit area of Winter Sports Inc. Permit number TAL01, for the protection of public safety, it is prohibited for any skier, hiker, or person otherwise, to be off the two approved routes or in areas closed as described here:

#### General (Year-round)

It is prohibited for any skier, hiker, or person otherwise, to approach within 100 feet of grooming machines, whether stationary or moving; or 50 feet of snowmaking equipment, to include but not limited to fan guns, high-pressure water lines, and high-voltage electrical cables.

#### Season Regulations (WMR open ski season)

#### **Uphill**:

It is prohibited for any skier, hiker, or person otherwise, to ascend outside of the two approved routes and time periods described here:

#### Toni Matt Route - Open 6 am to 4 pm only

This route follows the western edge of Toni Matt from the Lift Plaza to the Summit and is marked by 12" red diamonds with an arrow and the word "UPHILL" printed on them (See attached map).

#### East Route - Open 9 am to 7 pm only

This route begins at the Base Lodge, crosses the bridge toward the Ski and Ride School and Clinic building and ascends lower Inspiration, Expressway, Moe-Mentum, and Fill Hill to the Summit. It is marked by 12" red diamonds with an arrow and the word "UPHILL" printed on them (see attached map).

From 7:00 pm to 6:00 am, No access within WMR permitted area.

#### **Downhill:**

It is prohibited for any skier, or person otherwise, to be outside of the two approved downhill routes and time periods described here:

Toni Matt Route – Between 6:00 am to 9:30 am, skiers are only allowed to proceed down the Toni Matt Route as depicted on the attached maps or described above.

East Route- Between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, skiers are only allowed to proceed down the East Route as depicted on the attached maps or described above. This does not supersede WMR night skiing parameters and regulations.

From 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, skiers may descend any open run or area.

#### Pre & Post Season Regulations (WMR closed ski season)

This is in effect for 14 days before and after the scheduled "Opening Day" or "Closing Day" of Whitefish Mountain Resort.

The East Route – (described above) from 8am to 4pm is the <u>only</u> approved route for uphill and downhill traffic.

There are no uphill or downhill route restrictions before 8am and after 4pm pre- and post-season.

#### **Area Description:**

The Big Mountain Special Use Permit Area Boundary that includes the south slope, north slope, and Hellroaring Basin is located on the Tally Lake and Glacier View Ranger Districts, Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana. Township 32N, Range 22W, Sections 25, 26, 35, 36 and Township 32N, Range 21W, Sections 21, 29, 32. This area consists of one tract of National Forest System lands included within the boundaries as identified on the attached maps.

#### **Exemptions:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited activity. This includes employees and agents of Whitefish Mountain Resort while performing official duty.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Kalispell, Montana, the 13th day of December, 2014

Chip Weber

Flathead Supervisor, Flathead NF

#### **Penalty:**

Violations of these prohibitions or the conditions of any permit issued thereunder are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. [7 USC 1011 (f), 16 USC 551, and 18 USC 3571 and 3559].

### Exhibit A

Whitefish Mountain Resort Permit Area Map:

WHITEFISH
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# Big Mountain



# Exhibit B

## Whitefish Mountain Resort Uphill Map:

